



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Randy W. Gibson

Art Unit: 2841

Re:

Application of:

David S. Breed et al.

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For:

Apparatus and Method for Controlling a vehicle

Component

Confirmation No.:

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22846

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop With Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 18, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2003 which set a three month shortened statutory period for reply expiring on February 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

FIRST CLASS MAIL CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this correspondence and/or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" on March 18, 2004.